(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez is proud to announce a $50,000 Federal grant from the BECC for the City of Alpine, TX for technical assistance for a water study. "Water is a critical resource that is vital to the long-term stability and health of every community," said Congressman Ciro Rodriguez. "Especially for West Texas, water is a precious commodity that needs to be protected. I applaud the City of Alpine and the BECC for their foresight and vision to invest in long-term water planning and conservation efforts like this project."

"We appreciate the opportunity to coordinate with Congressman Rodriguez in identifying this important project for the community of Alpine," said Daniel Chacon, BECC General Manager. "Through this technical assistance, critical planning studies will be completed which are needed to access other funding sources to implement the project. We look forward to working closely with the community of Alpine to achieve a successful solution."

The $50,000 from the BECC is for a 4 month water study by the City of Alpine.

The water study will evaluate existing water well fields at Sunny Glen, Musquiz, and Alpine Hill and examine the potential for the addition of wells within existing well fields. By comparing long-term water level trends to production histories, they will assess existing well field performance by examining the stress of adjacent private well development and increase in production from existing wells in the well field. With the BECC grant, Alpine will also develop an aquifer simulation model to predict future well field conditions and establish pumping rates for each well that will stabilize water levels at depths that will not cause further depletion of the aquifer. These funds will augument the Water and Wastewater Facility Plan and Environmental Information Document, produced by the City of Alpine from a January 2003 grant from the BECC.

For more information or assistance with Federal grants, please contact Congressman Rodriguez at 1-866-915-3493.